

No Progress At Special Cabinet On Coalition

Hopes of a quick decision on the principle of collective responsibility in the Coalition faded at the special Cabinet session held yesterday morning, which was occupied with a debate on various differences that have arisen between Mapai and the General Zionists.

The meeting heard complaints by several cabinet members on alleged failures to maintain a genuine coalition policy, and some progress was made on minor points.

One of the General Zionist objections, apparently is that meetings with General Zionist speakers arranged by the Government Information services are less well attended than those featuring Mapai speakers. It is claimed that this is due to failure to organize them efficiently.

Rank and File Pressure
It is understood that the General Zionist Party has been under considerable pressure from the rank and file of their party to leave the Government at the earliest opportunity and prepare for the election of an independent platform. Some of the ministers support this view.

A Mapai leader said yesterday that the Government was a firm stand against the General Zionists' renunciation of the collective responsibility principle. It is understood that this was also the position of the majority of the smaller parties who stressed at yesterday's meeting that the principle was laid down in the Basic Constitution.

Trade Union

Britain Confirms Jordan Seeking to Amend Pact

LONDON, Monday (UPI). — The Foreign Office said today that Jordan is seeking to amend the Anglo-Jordan treaty under which Britain maintains R.A.F. units at Amman and Mafrak. The ambassador Charles Duke has received "formal approaches" for amending the treaty, which is due to expire in 1968.

Jordan's views were given in general terms with no specific details, the spokesman said, adding, "We are prepared to consider any suggestions put forward. No arrangements have been made for any discussions."

Under the treaty, Britain maintains air units at Amman and Mafrak and subsidizes the Arab Legion. There are provisions for the stationing

5 More Persian Army Officers Executed

TEHERAN, Monday (Reuters) — Five Persian army officers involved in a Communist plot to overthrow the regime were executed by a firing squad here today. A sixth man who lost leg in Army manoeuvres several years ago was reprieved by the Shah.

Twenty-one officers and civilians have now been shot since the plot was uncovered in August.

10 Killed, 500 Injured
In Beirut Fire
BEIRUT, Monday (Reuters).—Two persons were killed and injured, 150 seriously, in a fire which broke out last night when a torch carrier stumbled over an oil barrel in a torchlight procession in honor of Mohammed's birthday.

Two thousand Moslems massed in the Ali Makassed schoolyard, and as the fire blazed, panic spread and the crowd, as it sought to break out of the single gateway. It took the fire brigade and the police four hours to subdue the flames as the struggling and hysterical hundreds who feared an explosion of oil stored nearby.

Cairo Frees 2 Tunisian Jews As French Intervene

The French Consul-General in Cairo has succeeded in procuring the release of two Tunisian Jews from among the group charged by the Egyptian authorities with spying for Zionism, according to the Jewish Chronicle News Service quoted yesterday by Kol Yisrael.

The Egyptian authorities have several times refused the Consul's request to visit the imprisoned Dr. Mülssa Levi Marek, a physician of the Jewish Hospital in Cairo, who also of Tunisian nationality.



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